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Office Action Summary

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Yonel Beaulieu

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Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 23 September 2003.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-26 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-26 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☒ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date 9/23/03.
- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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- 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- 6) ☐ Other: _____.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

Claims 1 – 4, 7 – 10, 13 – 17, and 19 – 21 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Nakamura (US 6,115,667).

Regarding claims 1, 8, 10, 13 - 16, and 19, Nakamura teaches facilitating delivery of traffic messages indicating a traffic condition comprising obtaining data indicating a plurality of traffic conditions on a road network in a geographic region and providing a location description, and identifying at least one broadcast service area in which the traffic condition is located (col. 5: 12 – 16 and col. 8: 55 – 65 at least); and transmitting a plurality of messages, each associated with a service area code identifying the area in which the traffic condition is located (col. 8: 26 – 36 at least; note also the format of the traffic message as shown in figs. 5 and 6; col. 3: 24 – 30 at least); and a service provider (as illustrated in fig. 4).

Regarding claims 2 – 4, 20, and 21, Nakamura further teaches the broadcast service area being a county or a portion of a metropolitan area (as illustrated in fig. 3).

Regarding claims 7, 9, and 17, Nakamura further teaches an end user computing platform (10) receiving the traffic messages (see fig. 2) and filtering the messages to process only the messages having the area matching the service area (ID codes assigned and associated with the area; note col. 8: 26 – 36 at least).

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

Claims 5, 6, 11, 12, 18, and 22 - 26 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Nakamura as applied to claims 1 and 19.

Regarding claims 5, 6, 22, and 23, Nakamura is not explicit on the geographic area representing an area within a country or more than one country; however, it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention Nakamura does illustrate fig. 3 which suggests the different areas (A, B, C, and D) are part of a country or represent area within more than one country in order to achieve the end result of delivering or facilitating traffic messages.

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As for claims 11, 12, 18, and 24 – 26, making the traffic message in ALERT-C format would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention as being old and well known (se for example US 6,477,459 to Wunderlich).

Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Yonel Beaulieu whose telephone number is (703) 305-4072. The examiner can normally be reached on M-R, from 0900-1600.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Thomas BLACK can be reached on (703) 305-8233. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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